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One of the most interesting comments on what history holds for the Soviet government comes from General Walter Bedell Smith. As head of the Central Intelligence Agency and former ambassador to Russia, the general should speak with some authority on the subject.

His advice is not to expect any imminent political upheaval in the Soviet Union. He expects it to survive Stalin's death, but he believes the Russian people ultimately will demand the right to live as free people. Yet he does not expect to live to see the day of their revolt.

If this is very general, it is probably as close to the realities as one could hope to come. Few need to be warned against expecting a momentary end of the Communist oppression, but more need to be warned against the fatalistic assumption that it will endure for centuries and grow larger and stronger.

History's long view as to the life of such regimes does not offer much cheer for a worried generation, but it is probably the best to be had.